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COUNTRY Poland

REPORT: [REDACTED]

TOPIC 1. Polish Fuel Depot near Blechhammer2. Polish Troops and Military Installations in Wadowice and Cracow

25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

25X1 DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 11 December 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. [REDACTED] the Gleiwitz (Q 51/Y 37) -- Heydebreck (O 54/L 90) railroad line observed a Polish fuel depot near the Slawiecice (Ehrenforst, P 51/Y 08) railroad station. The installation was about 100 to 150 meters south of the railroad line and about 1,000 meters west of and connected with the Slawiecice railroad station. [REDACTED] in the area which was enclosed by a wall [REDACTED] at least six large tanks, which projected about 5 meters over the ground and were apparently far wider than high. The depot included one watchtower which was occupied. Tank cars were shunted from the Slawiecice railroad station to the fuel depot. Individuals observed at the depot wore civilian clothes. [REDACTED] the installation had already been there when the Germans were there. The manufacturing installations of the Blechhammer (Blachownia, P 51/Y 08) industrial plant were north of the depot and on the north side of the railroad line.<sup>1</sup>

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2. Prior to early August 1952, an old barracks installation was on the southeastern perimeter of Wadowice (Q 50/Y 18). The installation which was on the southeast side of the road to Cracow (Q 51/Y 24) was occupied to capacity by Polish infantrymen wearing khaki uniforms with red patches and red cap bands. On several Sundays, [REDACTED] a detachment of about 600 Polish soldiers marching through the city. [REDACTED] they were marched to church.<sup>2</sup>

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3. [REDACTED] Montelupich in Cracow [REDACTED] a Polish motorized unit in the barracks installation directly east of the prison and on the north side of the same street. [REDACTED] in the installation about 30 Star-20 trucks and an unidentified number of Skoda Diesel trucks and jeeps, but no heavy weapons. The soldiers, whose service color could not be identified, were quartered in a large barracks building. An antenna was between the roof of the building and a trellis tower, about 25 meters high, in the barracks area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at that time, the unit had old vehicles of a great variety of models including numerous ZIS 3-ton trucks.<sup>3</sup>

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1.  Comment. It is believed that the depot belongs to the Elechhammer plant which was a large H. Farren hydrogenation plant during the war and is being reconstructed.

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3.  Comment.  this barracks installation quartered a motorized KPW guard battalion in October 1951.

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